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Dear FIELD(14):

Thank you for your interest in our new product called "Aqua Safe." Enclosed, as promised, is an informative brochure that highlights this product's design features and advantages. Our research has determined a number of potential markets and we are anxious to license this product while processing our patent application.

"Aqua Safe" is a waterproof plastic case designed to store eyeglasses and other valuables. "Aqua Safe," which is designed to be worn on the person, features a cord and/or Velcro straps which enable an individual to attach it to the neck, wrist or ankle, and a side waist clip for attaching it to a pair of pants or a belt. A longer Velcro strap may also be included to allow the individual to wear "Aqua Safe" around the waist.

This hard plastic case measures six inches long, three inches wide and 1 3/4 inches deep, and features foam padding on the interior of the case. The hinged lid of the device closes over a rubber seal and is secured to the case through the use of a clip closure. When closed and locked, "Aqua Safe" remains waterproof, thus protecting anything placed inside.

"Aqua Safe" is a convenient device that safely secures eyeglasses, sunglasses, money, identification, and any other personal items an individual may carry when involved in outdoor activities. This device is ideal for use when attending amusement and water parks, or while hiking, biking, swimming and engaging in other recreational activities.

"Aqua Safe" keeps expensive glasses from being scratched or damaged, and keeps money and other items dry and secure. In addition, the handy Velcro straps and/or cord allow an individual to secure "Aqua Safe" to their body as to not lose their personal items.

The enclosed brochure illustrates our design. We ask that you review this brochure, in confidence, and contact our Licensing Representative for further direction at 1-888-477-9773. Again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Butler  
Lorraine G. Butler  
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THIS IS NOT A PATENT APPLICATION

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## THE INVENTORS NETWORK

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Let it be known to all that I have conceived the product/idea illustrated and described herein which is called:

Aqua Safe

(PRODUCT/IDEA NAME)

The Inventors Network, its employees and representatives, hereby guarantee, without exception, that your new product/idea disclosed herein shall not be used, sold, assigned, or disclosed to any corporation, organization, or person without your prior written permission. This agreement is fully binding.

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INVENTOR(S) SIGNATURE(S)

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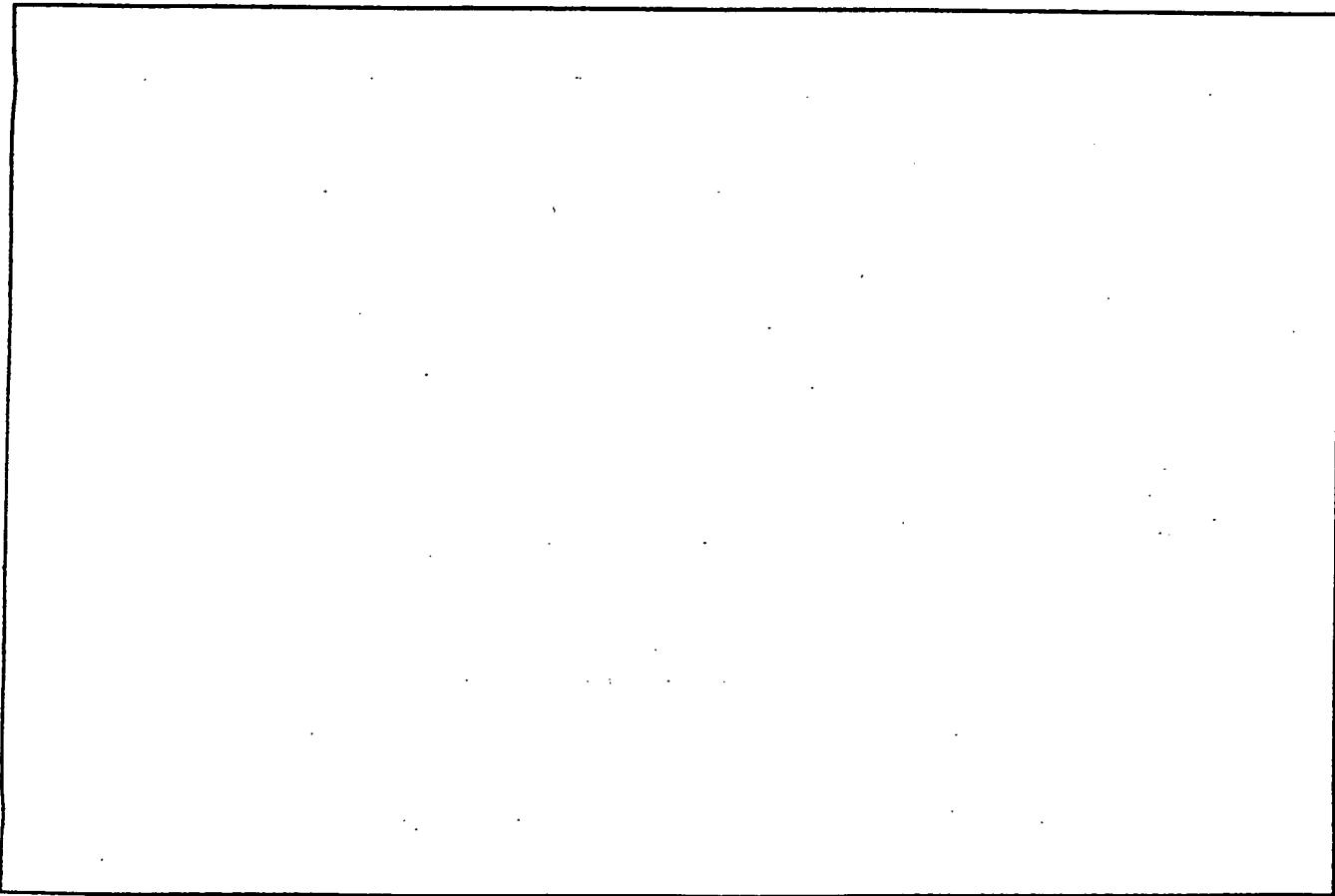
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## ILLUSTRATION

Please furnish a drawing of your product idea in the space provided. A professional illustration is not necessary nor expected. If photographs are available, please attach.



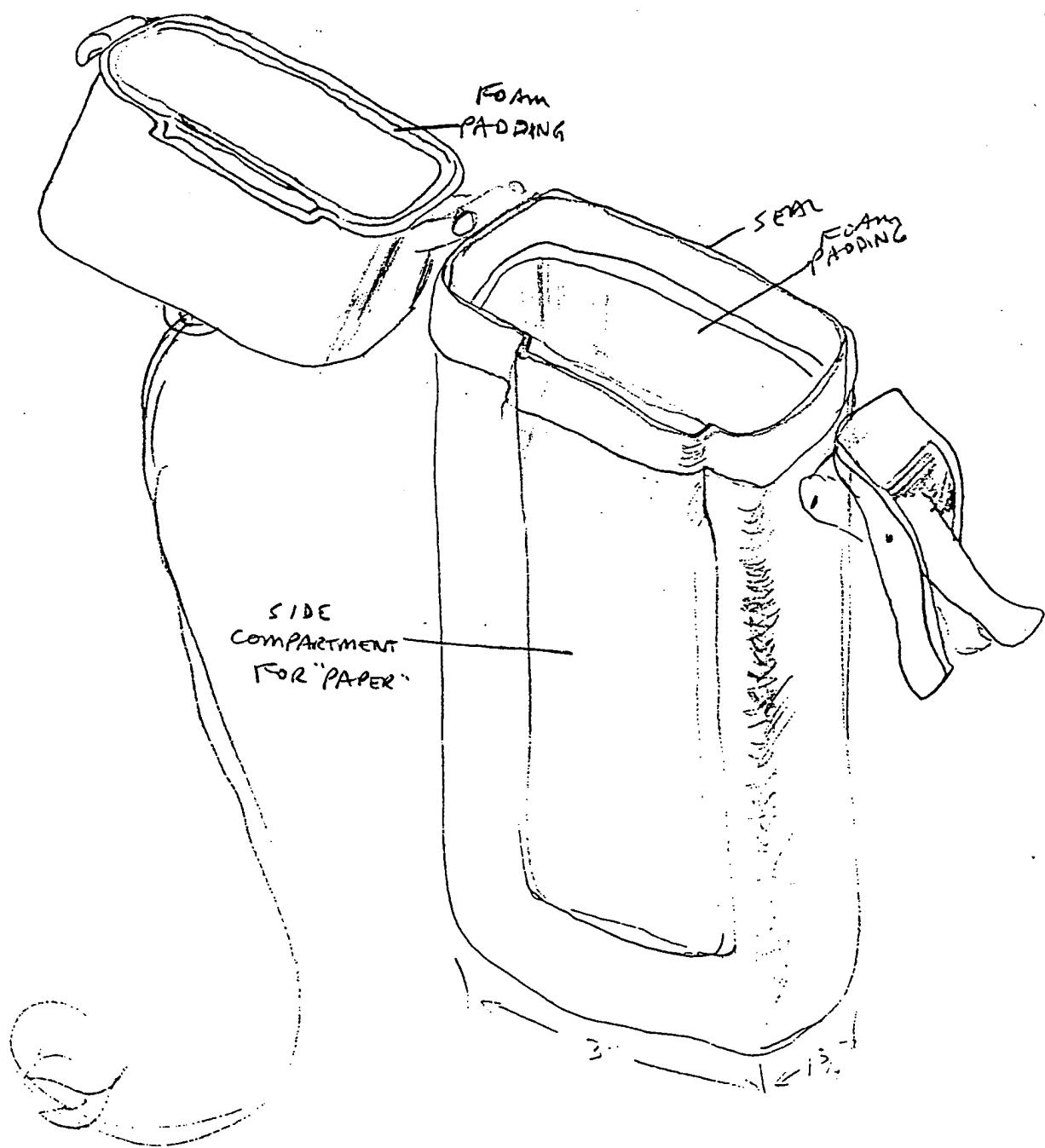
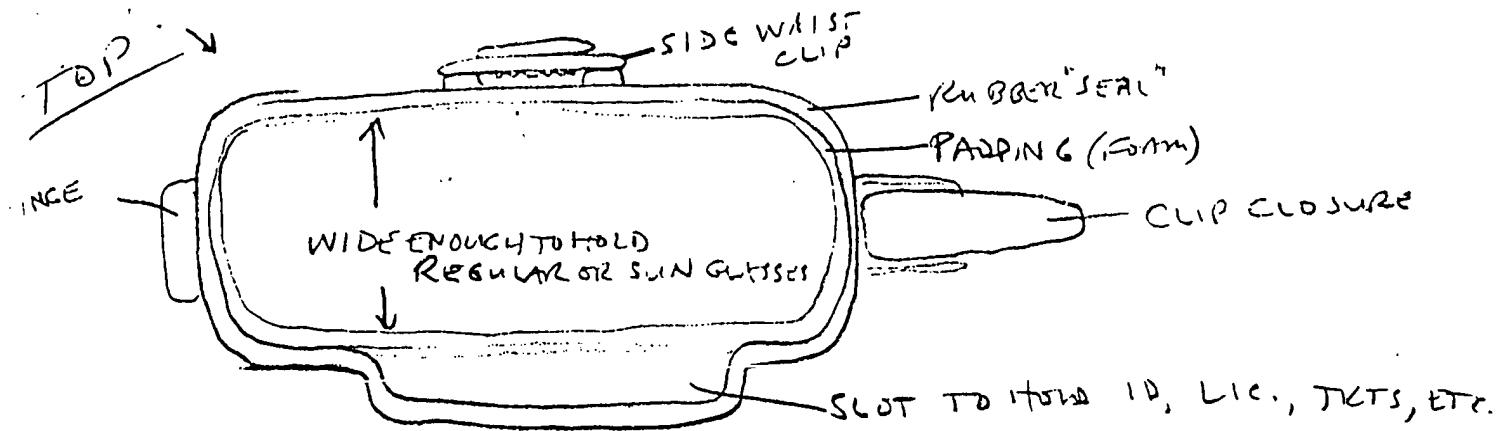
Please list suggested components and materials, etc.:

Hard "plastic" container

String for hanging around neck

Side-clip for belt or waistband foam padding on inside

**DO NOT SUBMIT PROTOTYPES OR WORKING MODELS UNLESS REQUESTED. THE INVENTORS NETWORK IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE ARRIVAL, HANDLING, MANAGING OR RETURN OF ANY PROTOTYPES MAILED TO OUR ATTENTION UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE INVENTORS NETWORK.**



- TOTAL HEIGHT 6" (when closed)

- TOTAL WIDTH 1 3/4" X 3" AND 1 3/4" DEEP

## PRODUCT/IDEA DESCRIPTION

Describe your product/idea.

A WATERPROOF CASE

Explain the product/idea's function(s).

To hold (and keep dry) eyeglasses, money, identification, etc.)

List the product/idea's benefits and unique qualities.

Keeps eyeglasses dry and in safe (protected) place

Keeps money dry

Keeps i.d.6), licensees, attraction tkt., etc. dry

If this is an improvement on an existing product, list the new benefit(s).

Is larger than any similar containers

A benefit for eyeglass wearers to safely

have glasses w/ them @ water theme parks, etc.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

When did you conceive your product/idea? Aug/July 2001

Briefly state how you first conceived this idea (work, hobby, etc.). Vacation

List those individuals to whom you have revealed your product/idea.

N/A

Have you constructed a prototype? NO Has it been tested/used? N/A

### PATENT STATUS

YES      NO

Has a patent search been conducted?  
If yes, please attach.

Have you filed a patent application on your product/idea?

Do you have an issued Patent on your product/idea?  
If yes, please indicate date of issue or attach a copy

Have you made a public disclosure of your invention  
or offered it for sale?

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

### AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Please check areas of interest or need.

Patent Development

License Negotiation

Distribution

Prototype Development

Manufacturing Contacts

Graphic Arts

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please include any additional information you feel may help us in understanding your product/idea.

Product would keep eye / sun glasses dry and safe

Product would also hold important papers and money.

Allows owner to keep property in safe place while

enjoying water and mechanical rides and attractions at

Parks (on white biking, hiking, walking) can be worn  
around neck or clip on belt/wrist band.

- GIVE EYEGLASS WEARERS INSTANT ACCESS TO GLASSES AFTER  
EXITING WATER RIDES.

## INVENTOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill out this questionnaire to your best ability. Some of the information requested may appear to be redundant, but it does allow our Staff to provide you with clear, concise information. Consult your representative for any assistance or guidance.

1. How would you like your name to appear on all written materials?

MICHAEL R. BUTLER

2. If you have a co-inventor or co-inventors, do you want their name to appear on all materials?  Yes  No. If so how do you want their name to appear?

LORRAINE G. BUTLER

3. How would you like the Invention Name to appear on all written materials?

AQUA SAFE

4. Describe your Invention/Idea in as much detail as possible:

(Please attach additional paper to this form if necessary)

"PLASTIC" CASE WHICH CAN HOLD REC. OR SUNGLASSES, ALONG WITH MONEY AND OR I.D. HAS A CORD FOR CARRYING OR HANGING AROUND NECK. HAS "VELCRO" STRAP TO SECURE AROUND NECK OR ANKLE. HAS BELT CLOP TO PUT AROUND WAIST

5. Provide instructions as to how someone would use your Invention/Idea:

CAN BE HELD AROUND NECK WITH CORD/ON WRIST OR ANKLE WITH "VELCRO" STRAP(S) - TOP FLIPS OPEN, AFTER RELEASING SECURING MECHANISM.

CAN ALSO WEAR LONGER VELCRO STRAP AROUND WRIST - AS LONG AS NOT EXCESSIVELY LARGE PERSON

6. List all of the benefits and/or advantages that your Invention/Idea has:

VERY BENEFICIAL AT AMUSEMENT AND WATER PARKS. OWNER WOULD DEPOSIT REC. OR SUNGLASSES IN CASE TO KEEP DRY. CASE WOULD ALSO BE LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD PAPER (# SOME COIN) CASH, AS WELL AS LIC. OR I.D. CARD - KEEPING ALL DRY - IN SAFE PLACE  
(Over)

7. Does your Invention/Idea solve a particular problem? If so, how does it solve this problem?

KEEPS EYEWEAR DRY, KEEPS MONEY DRY & IN SAFE PLACE -  
KEEPS ID OR LIC. IN SAFE PLACE -  
WOULD HELP TO PROTECT GLASSES FROM BREAKING - AS WELL AS GETTING WET

8. Do you have any suggestions as to the materials necessary to manufacture your Invention/Idea? If so, what would you recommend?

## VARIOUS COLORS OF SEMI-TRANSPARENT PLASTIC

NYLON CORD + VELCRO STRAP(S) - RUBBER SEAL TO ENSURE  
DRIENESS WHEN CLOSED, HEAVY "CRIMP" TO SECURE COVER CLOSED

**9. What do you think the retail price of your Invention/Idea would be?**

Alclox 9.99 - but let research help figure sunk price

**10. What stores, outlets or distributors would carry your Invention/Idea?**

All major amusement parks - (Disney, Six Flags, etc.)

## AN MAJOR WATER AMUSEMENT PARK

ANYWHERE PEOPLE WOULD BE ACTIVE AND DON'T WANT TO CARRY SEVERAL ITEMS IN DIFFERENT POCKETS AT ONCE.

11. What products, if any, would compete with your Invention/Idea? What are their retail prices?

HAVE NOT SEEN ANY THIS SIZE. HAVE ONLY SEEN SOME  
THE SIZE (A LITTLE LARGER) OF A CIGARETTE PACK.

**12. Who do you feel would buy your Invention/Idea?**

SAME AS # 10 AND ANYONE OUTSIDE THE 100 YEARS EXECUTIVE

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**13. Add any additional comments here:**

\*\*\*\* If the drawing that you provided us with on the Official Record of Invention is not a detailed drawing, please attach a detailed drawing to this form. Please, if appropriate, label each part.

# PRE-DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The following information request will be needed for the creation of all of the written materials for your project. Please return this information to us as soon as possible. Consult your Inventors Manual for more information and direction. **PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS.**

Be careful to write names, etc. exactly as you want them to appear on all official documents.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME MICHAEL RICHARD BUTLER  
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

CO-INVENTOR† LORRAINE G. BUTLER  
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

❖Only fill in if this is a true co-inventor, who had a hand in inventing the product and whose name should appear on the patent application.

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PRODUCT NAME AYA-SAFE

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MARITAL STATUS\* MARRIED

SPOUSE'S NAME\* LORRAINE G. BUTLER  
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

CHILDREN\* 1

GRANDCHILDREN\* 0

EMPLOYER'S NAME\* STAPLES POSITION\* SUPERVISOR/Correspondence

YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS\*: MOST SPORTS, ESPECIALLY

FOOTBALL AND NASCAR RACING

THE STORY BEHIND YOUR INVENTION/ OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION THAT MAY BE HELPFUL IN PROMOTING YOUR IDEA (Attach additional sheets if necessary).

WE WERE ON VACATION. WHEN AT A WATER PARK, MY WIFE HAD NO "REAL" SAFE PLACE TO KEEP HER GLASSES, MY SUNGLASSES, AND I.D., \$, ETC. - THOUGH OF "AQUA-SAFE"

The following information is VITAL to the preparation of most of the items associated with your project, including your *Patent Application*. Please provide as much detail as possible. Refer to the Inventors Manual section entitled, "PRE-DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE." ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

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1. Sketch how your invention looks in detail. If you have a drawing or photograph, please attach it and label and name each part. State the function of each part and how it works.

Note: If an illustration was done for you by us, please check which of the following apply:

- Illustration is fine as-is. I have attached a copy of it.  
 I have attached a copy of it and indicated all necessary changes.  
 Refer to my sketch (below, or attached) and provide completely new drawings.

2. From start to finish, state exactly how your invention is used (as if you are writing an instruction booklet to accompany the product.)

AQUA-SAFE IS USED TO PROTECT GLASSES, SUNGLASSES, DRIVER'S LICENCE, (I.D.) AND MONEY. AQUA-SAFE SAVES THESE ITEMS FROM BEING DAMAGED BY WATER OR IMPACT.

AQUA-SAFE MAY BE CLIPPED ONTO YOUR BELT (NEAR THE BUCKLE) OR IT COMES WITH A "VELCRO" STRAP FOR AROUND YOUR WAIST, AND A SHORT ONE AROUND WRIST (ARM). YOU SIMPLY PLACE VALUABLES IN "AQUA-SAFE" - CLOSE THE TOP AND CLIP THE SAFETY EATCH CLOSED. (SECURING ANYTHING INSIDE SAFELY) AT THIS POINT YOU CAN CARRY YOUR VALUABLE ITEMS, IN "AQUA-SAFE"; WHEREVER YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE; ON WAIST BAND, AROUND WRIST (WITH STRAP), AROUND WRIST (WITH SHORT STRAP)

3. In comparison to products that are currently patented or used to perform this task or fill this need that you know of, how is your invention different, better and unique? Make direct comparisons of the advantages your invention has over the others.

I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY PRODUCTS THAT PERFORM ALL OF 'AQUA-SAFE'S' FUNCTIONS. ALTHOUGH I HAVE SEEN SOME "CONTAINERS"; I HAVE NEVER SEEN ONE WHICH CAN HOLD ALL OF THE ITEMS THAT AQUA-SAFE HOLDS.

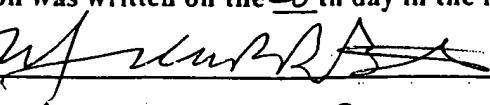
THERE ARE ALSO MORE WAYS IN WHICH SOMEONE CAN CARRY "AQUA-SAFE" THAN ANY PRODUCT I HAVE SEEN.

4. Name any other use(s) for or benefit(s) of your invention:

OTHER THAN WATER/THEME PARKS, AQUASCAPE  
WOULD BE USEFUL FOR BACK PACKERS, CAMPERS, BIKE  
RIDERS, SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS IN GENERAL. (WHETHER  
SOMEONE IS PARTICIPATING OR JUST OBSERVING AT  
Bike PARKS, TRACKS, ETC.)

5. What else can you disclose about your invention?

This information was written on the 28 th day in the month of JAN in the year 2002 by :

Sign Name: 

Print Name: MICHAEL R BUTLER